

James Tallmadge, Jr. to Andrew Jackson, March 6, 1824, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

JAMES TALLMADGE TO JACKSON.

Albany, March 6, 1824.

Hon'd Sir. I have hitherto avoided to write on the Presidential question. The peculiar state of things in Newyork, induces me to write to you. The state of N.york is inclined to oppose Mr. Crawford. The 36. votes of this state *can be given* for an opposing candidate to him, and This either— *with* —or *without* the Electoral law now under discussion here.¹ It however becomes indispensable to have a concentration on some one candidate—we can not stand much longer Divided between so many candidates, The People here must have a precise object. In case of a concentration, Genl. Jackson President, Mr. Adams Vice President, or even *vice versa* , the vote of this state may be counted upon. without some concentration, and that shortly, I fear, this state may not continue safe. All is now in our hands—we understand mr. Calhoun, will not be in the way.

¹ Bill for the choosing of presidential electors by the people instead of by the legislature; it was passed by the lower house but was defeated in the Senate.

Several friends have urged me to write—we hope *soon* to have a course opened for us to pursue, and to receive information. There is much excitement arising from our electoral Bill and other local causes. The season for acting is at hand. The state administration is acting for mr. Crawford. It must be met, and a definite object, be held up to our People. I have this Day written, to mr. Adams, of the same import. Permit me to tender to you Renewed

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assurance of the very high Respect entertained by me for your character. I am with great
Regard your Obdt. Servt.